



Year R Homework Letter – Friday 5th January

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you so much for our wonderful Christmas gifts. We were so touched by your generosity and have enjoyed them immensely!

Phonics

This week we have been reviewing all the phonemes and Harder to Read and Spell words we have learnt so far. In addition to this we have learnt the phoneme 'oo' (short sound) as in book.

Our Learning this week

Our topic this term is 'Tickets Please!' During this term we will be learning about all different kinds of transport from both the past and present. This week in our enhanced provision children have been making road signs such as 'stop' to use in their role play. They have also been making mini traffic lights using lollypop sticks. In Maths we have been using 'bingo dabbers' and paper plates to practise subitising numbers 1 – 5. In our Literacy lesson, we have been reading the story 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. This is the story of Claire, who has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends in lots of different settings and tells them each a different story on how she got her scrape. Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon, or a hairy gorilla?

Love Project for the Spring Term.

Following the excellent response over the last few years, we have once again decided to support the local charity Love Works as one of our half termly 'love projects.' Love Works is a food bank based in Merstham, but can also offer support with paying utility bills. To support Loveworks, we will be running our 'Tin A Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking children to bring in one item a week for five weeks. Our aim is to reach at least 500 items. Thank you in advance for your support. To find out more about Love Works please follow the link <http://www.loveworks.org.uk/>

Thinking Thursday

Every Thursday we provide a P4C (Philosophy for Children) stimulus for the children to discuss. This week our question is: Clowns – good idea or bad idea? Is laughing good? Would you prefer to laugh all the time or never laugh? Can you be happy without laughing? Why not try discussing this question with your child too!

Homework

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. Our aim is to now hear your child read twice a week. We will change the reading books during the first half of the week. Your child will also be read with on the same two days each week. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.

Optional homework: We have provided a new set of phoneme cards and Harder to Read and Spell words. All of these will be covered over the course of this term. Please could you cut these cards up and place them in your child's plastic wallet. This week we have focused on the phoneme: oo (short sound) as in 'book.' We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

Diary Dates

PTFA Cinema Night	Monday 22nd January – 3.15pm-5.30pm
PTFA Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 21st February
PTFA KS1 Disco (Yrs R-2)	Friday 23rd February – 16.00pm-17.00pm

We are missing a lot of spare uniform we handed out last term. If you have any of our tights, socks or tracksuit bottoms we would love to have them back – thank you in advance!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall